

National Junior Firefighter Scholarship and Grant Program Overview

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program is pleased to announce the creation of the National Junior Firefighter Scholarship and Grant Program. Thanks to a grant from the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation, the NVFC is offering ten (10) \$5,000 scholarships for active junior firefighters. The NVFC is also pleased to offer ten (10) \$5,000 grants to the fire departments of the scholarship recipients. The application deadline is May 15, 2008, at 5 pm EDT.

The NVFC launched the National Junior Firefighter Program in 2007 to provide an umbrella for all existing junior and explorer post programs. The program also provides resources on how to establish a program, a network for connecting with other programs, and scholarships and grants to increase recruitment and retention of junior firefighters. The program is supported by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation and Spartan Motors, Inc.

The NVFC is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. Our work empowers firefighters and EMS personnel, as well as the people who support them. www.nvfc.org

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Selection Criteria

Through the selection process, applicants will be evaluated and selected based on the following criteria, all of which are related to and designed to effectuate the charitable purposes of the grants. The awarding of the scholarship and grant will be based solely upon the objective judgment of the program's scholarship Committee as to which candidates have demonstrated the greatest potential for future involvement in the emergency services as exhibited by their past emergency service record. To be considered, you must:

- Be a senior in high school, or a high school graduate within the past three (3) years, who is enrolled or will be enrolled in the Fall 2008 school year at an accredited two- or four-year institution of higher learning, a trade school, or a certification program.
- Be a past or current junior firefighter in a department that is registered with the NVFC National Junior Firefighter Program. If your program is not currently registered, the department can do so for free at www.nvfc.org/juniors.
- Have proven to be an active and vital member of a junior firefighter program for at least one year and currently be active in the department either as a junior firefighter or in some other capacity.
- Have demonstrated intent to pursue emergency services.
- Describe your other extracurricular involvements.

Requirements

- Complete the scholarship application form.
- Submit an official transcript from the institution most recently attended.
- Complete a 250 word essay outlining how being a junior firefighter has impacted your life, how the scholarship will further your field of study, and plans for future involvement in the emergency services.
- Submit two letters of recommendation (see detailed information on application).
- Submit a recent photo to be used for NVFC newsletter, web site, etc., if selected.
- The fire department must submit a 250 word essay outlining its current junior firefighter program and how a \$5,000 grant would benefit the department.



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